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I lifted the photo above from the South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club’s (SLAARC) website. SLAARC is just a bit NW of Detroit. It may be worth a visit sometime! Looks like a very busy club with lots of activities going on. If you’re interested their website is at [SLAARC – N8SL](#) . This item on their page also caught my attention:

“Monthly: 2-Beer Social Radio Hour: Friday November 22nd – In-Person (Open to all 21up)

Come check out our “2-beer Social” and chat about radio projects with other like minded folks! We would love to see you and raise a pint with some club members to talk about the hobby and enjoy a cold brew at the end of the week. Occurs the last Friday of each month from 5-7:00pm

(or beyond, feel free to come a bit late if your work or commute dictates). *Important Note:* This month's Social occurs one week early (Friday Nov 22, 2024), due to the holiday. This month we will meet at [Rivers Edge Brewing in Milford!](#) My kinda Hams!

Two points I want to make about this – Go online and check out all the really cool things other clubs are doing! Especially, but not limited to, other Ohio Section Clubs. Look around and you might get some really good ideas for some activities for your own club. The other thing is to check out how other clubs present themselves online. Was it easy to find their site? Was the information current? (One of the only times I have NOT been an active ham was when my son was in high-school and very involved in the aquarium hobby. When he left for college, I decided to join a club to get back into it. After checking it out on their website, I showed up for their meeting on a very dark, cold, snowy and blustery February evening. No one was there. The lights were out. I found out later that they hadn't met there, and even on that day, for over two years! Not a very welcoming first impression.....) In ham radio our internet presence is often our first impression for someone new. Another first impression is a new ham's effort to make his first QSO on the local repeater. We have lots of opportunities to make a first impression, we really need to make a conscious effort to make sure it's a good one. We can't afford to lose a new one even before we get started. It's *everyone's* job!

Last week I spoke with ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. I called between 9 – 10 AM on the ARRL general phone line (860-594-0200) and asked to be transferred to Maria. She picked up the phone and talked to me and answered all of my questions! My first question was regarding License Renewal reminders. ARRL **IS** sending out email reminders when your license comes up for renewal. This should happen approximately 90 days ahead of your expiration date. Maria told me there are 3 main reasons why you might not get a notice:

1. You need to have an active ARRL membership! (Membership has privileges)
2. You must have “opted in” for that notice in your membership account.
3. Your account information must be correct.

I'm going to suggest that you take care of this right now. Sign in to the ARRL website. Up on top, on the right hand side, you'll see “Welcome (your name)”, click on your name and it will take you to the “My Account” information page. Check your name, address, phone number and email address. If any of those are not correct you can edit them from there. If your contact information is not correct – you won't be contacted! Next, in the column on the left side there is a box titled “communication” and under that “E-newsletters & notifications”. When you click on that it will bring up a list of the communications you are “opted in” on. If you don't see “Notification of license expiration” listed, you'll need to click the “edit” button to choose it. When you first go to the “E-newsletters & notifications” page, you *only* see those you have opted in for – you need to click on the “edit” button to see the entire list. Lots of good information is put out on a regular basis, this is where you choose what you want to see. Try something new!

Maria told me that email address changes are the biggest reason that most folks don't get their notification.... She also told me that W5YI Licensing Services Inc used to send out a post-card

when your license was renewing, and that they are starting to do that again after not sending them out for the last 5+ years. If you've got a license coming up for renewal let me know if and when you receive either of these notices. You might want to check your license renewal date just to make sure you know when it's due and you should be looking for the notices. Ten years is a long time, and you don't want to let it slip by you. According to Maria, it happens – don't let it happen to you! Next PostScript I'll go into some detail on renewal services offered by both ARRL and W5YI.

I want to wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

25th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day December 7, 2024

SKYWARN™ Recognition Day (SRD) is December 7, 2024. The annual event is celebrating its 25th anniversary. SRD was established in 1999 by the National Weather Service (NWS) and ARRL® to commemorate the contributions of SKYWARN volunteers. Using amateur radio and other means of communication, SKYWARN spotters provide real time ground truth to NWS offices. The ham-volunteers can also provide vital communications between NWS and local emergency management officials when other means go down.



In a video posted to the SRD web page, National Weather Service Director Ken Graham, WX4KEG, said the information ham radio operators and other SKYWARN volunteers provide is critical. “I, along with the entire National Weather Service, want to acknowledge and thank you for your invaluable service to the communities we serve.”

There will be a SRD special event from 0000 – 2359 UTC on the day. The objective is for all amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many Amateur Radio SKYWARN Spotters and National Weather Service Stations as possible on the 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2-meter and 70-centimeter bands.

ARRL will be on the air during the event from the ARRL Radio Laboratory station, W1HQ, using the call sign WX1AW. ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX, said SRD is a great opportunity to welcome non-ham SKYWARN volunteers to explore amateur radio. “Storm spotting was my original draw into ham radio. I watched a large tornado tear up my community on May 3, 1999, and was listening via my mom’s 2-meter mobile radio to spotter reports being relayed to the NWS Norman, Oklahoma, office. I knew I wanted to be a part of that and within months I was licensed. Amateur radio was my path into that community service and has been the hobby of a lifetime ever since,” she said.

ARRL has a web page to help those interested with getting licensed. Find details at www.arrl.org/getting-licensed.

Spotters are encouraged to register for SRD at www.weather.gov/crh/skywarnrecognition. There will be participation certificates available after the event.

Committee Proposes Revisions to ARRL By-Laws

In an [ARRL Member Bulletin](#) emailed to members on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, shared the work completed over the last year by a Board Committee.

At the 2024 ARRL Annual Meeting held in January, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the establishment of a committee to assure the existence of a set of ethical standards and guidelines for Board Members as called for in ARRL By-Law 42. In addition, the committee was tasked to review By-Laws 42 (Ethics and Elections Committee) and 46 (Conflict of Interest Policy) for possible revision.



ARRL International Affairs
Vice President Rod Stafford,
W6ROD

The committee has finalized its recommendations and this week, presented its report and proposed By-Law revisions. The committee's work, including their report and documents pertaining to proposed By-Law revisions, is readily available for review at www.arrl.org/by-laws-update. Members with any questions or concerns should contact their Division Director.

Hawaii is preparing for the 83rd commemoration of the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor

[The 83rd anniversary of Pearl Harbor theme of "Forging Ahead"](#) emphasizes not only the historical significance but also the vital role of the younger generation in preserving and honoring this legacy. This year's event will take place December 07, 2024, 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM HST at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, 1 Arizona Memorial Place, Honolulu, HI. The event will also be live streamed. ARRL requested, and has received, a waiver from the Federal Communication Commission's Part 97 rules to communicate with military stations as part of Pearl Harbor Day commemorations December 7 – 8. ARRL made the request on behalf of the Battleship Iowa Amateur Radio Association, to allow amateur-military cross-band capabilities to communicate with the Battleship Iowa using the ship's original callsign NEPM. The USS Iowa is moored at the Port of Los Angeles. Also, the [Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum](#) (ARCNEM) will hold a Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration December 1 - 11 from 1300Z - 2200Z. Special event station W2W will operate on 14.241, 14.041, 7.241, and 7.041 MHz. A certificate & QSL will be available. Primary operation will be December 1 - 7 with additional operation possible during December 8 - 11 as operator availability permits. Operation on 80 meters, 3.541 and 3.841 MHz, and digital modes is possible during event.

ARRL Student Membership

ARRL Student Membership was established to increase youth participation and long-term involvement in amateur radio. Student members can access ARRL membership benefits including the digital versions of ARRL magazines, and the extensive courses and training materials available through the ARRL Learning Center.

Please note: ARRL requires age verification for all student members. Parental/Guardian consent is required for applicants under 18 years of age. Student memberships are not eligible for add-on printed membership magazine subscriptions. Student membership benefits are subject to other restrictions and exclusions.

Student Membership options:

- Option 1: **Full Student Membership.** Dues rate \$30 per year. This low-cost membership option is available to US Amateur Radio licensees under the age of 26 years. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. A full member may vote in ARRL elections for Division Director, Vice Director, and Section Manager. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.
- Option 2: **Free Student Membership.** This no-cost, Associate membership option is available to full-time students aged 21 years or younger. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. Free Student Membership excludes access to the ARRL E-mail Forwarding Service, and Associate members may not vote in ARRL elections. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.

Become an ARRL student member today!

To JOIN with a Student Membership - <https://form.jotform.com/241074273604047> **or**
To RENEW a Student Membership - <https://home.arrl.org/action/My-Account/Pay-Balances>

The fifth Youth on the Air Camp for the Americas has been scheduled for June 15 - 20, 2025.

The camp will be held in Thornton/Denver, Colorado, and welcomes young amateur radio operators from North, Central, and South America. The camper application period will open online December 1, 2024, at youthontheair.org. Eligible youth are licensed amateur radio operators between ages 15 and 25. Up to 50 campers will be accepted and priority will be given to first-time attendees and to youth residing outside of the USA. Past campers may apply to be considered to serve as leaders during the camp. Potential campers residing outside of the United States are encouraged to immediately begin the process of obtaining the necessary passport (and appointment to obtain a tourist visa, where applicable) as processing times may extend for several months. For details about the camp and/or to sign up for updates by email, visit the camp web page at youthontheair.org/denver2025. Dates and locations for the inaugural 2025 subregional camp(s) and the inaugural 2025 YOTA Junior USA camp (for under age 15) will be announced as soon as they are available. For additional information, please contact Camp Director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, at director@youthontheair.org.

Throughout November, members of [Radio Club Limburg \(RCLB\)](#) in the North Limburg region of the Netherlands, will activate special event station **PF16F.** The event marks the retirement from the Royal Netherlands Air Force of the F-16, or Fighting Falcon, aircraft after 45 years of service, from 1979 to 2024. RCLB members hope to contact amateur radio operators around the world in November. QSL information is available from QSL Manager [PD8RW](#). For additional information, visit the club's

website.

Club Corner

This is YOUR corner of the newsletter. Send me what your club is doing and I'll make sure that it gets in. Got a special event or club project that you want everyone to know about? Send it to me! Need help with a project? Send it to me.



Let me know what your club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary?

Just send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org

Please! Format as below:

If you want me to publish your club information, or even an article you have written, please send it in WORD format (.docx). Please use Times New Roman font size 12 for the body of the article. Any photos please include as a .jpg or .bmp – the time you save me in doing all the conversions will be greatly appreciated.

VE Sessions

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

It is now an FCC requirement to have an FCC FRN; active email address and active phone number before taking any exam. Please bring your FCC FRN, original license, a copy of your license (if a licensed ham), a valid photo ID and \$15.00 - Cash preferred.

Effective April 19, 2022, the FCC will charge a \$35.00 application fee for amateur radio licenses. The fee will apply to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. License upgrades will not have a fee applied. The fee will be per application. *VE's will not collect the fees at exam sessions.*

AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2024 are as follows: January 20, April 27, July 20, and October 19. Time and location for these dates are 10:00am at the Westerville Fire Station #111, 400 W. Main St in Westerville, Ohio. The listed dates are co-sponsored by the Central Ohio Radio Club

(CORC).

Pre-Registration is required, and open the 1st of each testing month. All information is available at www.ae8fp.net <<http://www.ae8fp.net/>>

All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA) hosts testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. Our testing sessions use Examtools, a digital testing platform, and administers the exams on tablets. Simply sign up for a free account at <https://hamstudy.org/register> and then search for our session and register through the Hamstudy website. Reach out with any questions to Jarrod – KE8MBL at hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun.

CARS

VE testing from CARS - Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society - at Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 Wisnieski Parkway in Independence, Ohio 44131 Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Always the 2nd Sunday of the odd month. Go to CARS www.2cars.org for detailed map of location. Call Metro W8MET 216-520-1320 for details

Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)

What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred.

When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM Feb 10th; Apr 13th; Jun 8th; Aug 10th; Oct 12th; and Dec 14th, 2024. Where: Springview Government Center - Emergency Operations Center; 3130 E Main St; Springfield OH 45503 This is US-40 aka "old national road". From Route 40 enter Old Columbus Road, at the fork stay left driving straight onto Ogden Rd, then immediately turn left into the parking lot behind the EMA. Walk to the door with the "Employees Only" sign.

For more information contact Roland W. Ude, W8BUZ, (937) 605-4951 Email: buzz@baylorhill.com

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)

If you are interested in testing for a new or upgraded license, please come see us at the DARA Clubhouse. If you have questions about testing, please email exams.w8bi@gmail.com

The Findlay Radio Club

The Findlay Radio Club sponsors an Exam Session the second Saturday of every month except September when we have our Hamfest. The Exam Session takes place at the Findlay Radio Club, 1333 West Sandusky St., Findlay Ohio 45839. The session begins at 9 AM. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. You can pre-register at hamstudy.org. We can also give Exams remotely on-line on your schedule if you can't make to a session.

The club has meetings on the first and third Thursdays at the clubhouse at 7:30 PM. The meetings are also available on Zoom. Contact N8ET if you would like to log in. All are welcome.

We also meet at the club on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 (or later!) to talk about anything Ham Radio. The sessions are geared toward new Hams. Everyone brings their questions and equipment they would like to show off or learn how to use. This Sunday we are going to install and learn to use Flgigi, Flmsg, and Flamp. In past sessions we have built antennas, fired up new rigs, and generally had a good time!

The next meeting (Feb 15) will cover the same topic. Bring your laptop!

Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)

Amateur License exam sessions are offered for all license classes (Technician, General, Extra). Walk-ins are always welcome - no prior registration is required. No fee for the exam.

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2024 are Jan 14, March 10, May12, July 14, Sept 15, and Nov 17, 2024. All sessions are at 2:00PM each month



Exams are held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services and Emergency Operations Center, 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024. The EOC is located just south of the University Geauga Hospital and just east of the Geauga County Safety Center (Sheriff's Office), off of State Route 44 between State Route 322 and State Route 87 on Merritt Road.

Please arrive a few minutes before 14:00 to allow adequate time to process the necessary paper work and take your test. Bring your 1) photo ID, 2) email address, 3) FCC FRN, 4) a printout of your current license if taking the General or Extra exam.

Additional info may be obtained from Jackie Welch, N8JMW by email n8jmw2@gmail.com or calling at 440-228-2716. More information is available from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club

Huber heights amateur radio club does ARRL VE testing the second Saturday of each even numbered month. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. 10:00AM til Noon. For more information contact Jim Storms – AB8YK at ab8yk@hotmail.com

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is holding its **2024** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 3	Saturday, August 3
Saturday, April 6	Saturday, October 5
Saturday, June 1	Saturday, December 7

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station. The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

To register, you will need a NCVEC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, be sure it is the Sept 2017 version or later. You can find it by Googling “NCVEC quick-form 605” and clicking on the url for a pdf of the form. Please note **the FCC requires you to provide a FRN** (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don’t have a FRN, Google “New FRN” and follow the fcc.gov link.

If you are currently licensed, be sure to **bring a copy of your license to the exam**. The cost of the exam itself is \$15.00, and if you wish to pay by check, it should be made out to the ARRL/VEC. Identification with your picture is also necessary, such as a driver’s license. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Farnham, KO8O, at (440) 256-0320, or scottfarnham@roadrunner.com

In addition to the \$15 test fee, the FCC now charges \$35 to add you to the Amateur Radio database. The FCC will e-mail successful candidates instructions for payment directly to them. Payment must be made within 10 days of the e-mail. This charge does not apply to upgrades.

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)

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Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC) hosts exam sessions on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am in Lancaster Ohio at the Fairfield County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr., Lancaster Ohio.

To register for an exam, [Click Here](#).

Questions: Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org.

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2024 SCHEDULE.

VE TESTING IS AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AGENCY
AT 215 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OH 44432.

SIGN IN AT 1 PM AND TESTING AT 1:30 PM.

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2024

JAN 13; FEB 10; MAR 9; APR 13; MAY 11;
JUN 8; AUG 10; SEP 14; OCT 12; NOV 9; DEC 14.

WE CAN ALSO GIVE THE TEST AT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS THAT ARE NORMALLY ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. LAARA MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. SEE THE K8GQB.COM WEB SITE FOR UPDATES. MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM. WE HAVE ACTIVITY MEETINGS ON THE ODD MONTHS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS ON THE EVEN MONTHS.

Madison County

The Madison County Amateur Radio Club Laurel testing group offers testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. There is no Fee for testing. Pre-Registration is not required but preferred. Walk-ins are welcome. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information or to get pre-registered send email to Exams@mcarco.org .

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

VE testing is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150. Please pre-register at www.milfordhamradio.org

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

Six VE testing sessions in 2024. Registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information or to register. ewilkinson1951@gmail.com or 216-337-4235 Saturday, Jan 6. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM. Sunday, March 10. NOARS Hamfest. Lorain County Community College. 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria. 9 AM.

Saturday, May 4. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM. Saturday, July 20. NOARSfest. Lorain County Community College. 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria. 9 AM. Saturday, September 7. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM. Saturday, November 2. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

The first Saturday of every even numbered month -10 am – at the PCARS club site in Ravenna. Please visit the PCARS web site and check out the information about VE testing in the latest newsletter at www.portcars.org .

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at KB8UUZ@gmail.com

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

VE Testing sessions are held on the second Saturday of every even numbered month at the Dover Faith Church, 420 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622. Pre-registration is not necessary. Doors open at 0830 for registration, exams begin at 0900. Cost is \$15. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information please go to www.w8zx.net/exam or email VETEAM@N8BAG.NET.

Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

Holds six exam sessions per year for all license classes. Pre-registration requested but not required.

Exam sessions for 2024:

Saturday, December 7th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

Exam sessions for 2025:

Saturday, February 1st - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.)

Saturday, April 5th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

Saturday, June 7th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

Saturday, August 2nd - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.)

Saturday, October 4th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

Saturday, December 6th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

All sessions begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information visit <https://w8wky.org/license-exams/>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at <https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/>. Sign up and if you aren't ready or can't make it, just notify the VE team lead.

West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA) Exam sessions are held one Saturday each month at 10:00 AM-Noon at the VOA Bethany Relay Museum located at 8070 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, Ohio 45069. For more information and links to register, please see our website: <https://wc8voa.org/licensing/>

HARA Christmas Party

John Willis, KE8JEM, took the attached photos of last evening's HARA Christmas Dinner Party addressing session.

Over 100 invitations to the HARA Christmas Dinner were hand delivered to the Hillsboro Post Office prior to noon Saturday. Unless the PO mistakenly thinks the postage paid is for storage instead of delivery you should have your invitation on Monday or early next week. If you think you should have received an invitation, but didn't, please let Kathy know ASAP. 937-760-6070 by phone or text.

It's already known we will be having some folks come from far distances to be with us and it would be nice to have as many locals as possible be present to welcome them and their spouses.

Thanks to Kathy and John for hosting the addressing session and to Kathy for the excellent desert treat enjoyed by all. But the special thanks goes to the addressing crew of KD8VUY, N8ZDL, KE8JEM, WD8MOI, KE8JEL and Leslie who assisted with putting the invitations together.

Kathy will appreciate the return of your reservation as soon as possible so she can prepare the packet you will receive when you arrive. Remember, if you make a reservation and then find out later you can't attend, it can be cancelled by December 4.

Except for elections of officers, there will be no business conducted. The evening is devoted to socializing with some awards presented as well as the gift exchange, doorprizes and raffle drawing.



Any questions? If so, give us a call.

Viinton County Amateur Radio Club Swap Show in October

The relatively new Ham radio club in Vinton county held their first swap show in the County Community Building, just north of McArthur, Ohio in late October. Attendance was GOOD with many Hams from the surrounding area showing up early to shop the many tables for bargains. A snack bar was provided for those who skipped breakfast, and a 50/50 drawing netted a hefty \$40 prize for just a buck.

Winner was KC8WIW.

According to club president WD8DJE Rusty Perry, the event was a solid success and plans are in the works for the next event next year. Thank you to everyone who attended.

(Photos are available on Facebook Page Vinton County Amateur Radio Club or from WD8DJE.)

ARLD044 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by AA3B, HA7VK, W2GD, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

ROTUMA ISLAND, 3D2. A large group of operators are QRV as 3D2Y until December 4. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including 6 meters, using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct to M0OXO.

VIET NAM, 3W. Alex, KU1CW will be QRV as 3W9A from Saigon in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

TONGA, A3. Operators LZ1GC and LZ5QZ will be QRV as A35GC from November 25 to December 6. QSL via LoTW.

THE GAMBIA, C5. A group of operators will be QRV as C5T from November 25 to 29. Activity will be on 60 to 6 meters with a focus on the higher bands, using CW and SSB, with some FT8. In addition, some of the operators will also be active as C5I from Bijol Island, IOTA AF-060, and possibly as C5T/p from rare Grid Squares IK23 and IK33. QSL via EA5GL.

BAHAMAS, C6. Brian, ND3F is QRV as C6AQQ from New Providence, IOTA NA-001, until November 28. Activity is on the HF bands using mainly CW with some FT8 and FT4. This includes being an entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL direct to home call.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Vaclav, OK6RA plans to be QRV as EA8/OK6RA as a Single Op/Single Band on 20 meter entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS, FO. Paula, NX1P is QRV as FO/NX1P from Hiva Oa, IOTA OC-027. Activity is on 40, 20, 15, 12, and 10 meters using CW. This includes being active in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest on 10 meters. QSL via LoTW.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS, FW. Bob, W7YAQ and Al, K7AR are QRV as FW7AA from Wallis Island, IOTA OC-054, until November 29. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via W7YAQ.

HUNGARY, HA. Sanyi, HA7VK will be QRV as HG24TISZA as a Single Op/Single Band/High Power entry on 10 meters in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

THAILAND, HS. A group of operators will be QRV as E2A from Ban Ta Bong, Korat as a Multi/Single/High Power entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

PUERTO RICO, KP4. Eric, NP3A plans to be a Single Op/Low Power/Single Band entry on 10 meters in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via EB7DX.

NORWAY, LA. A large group of operators will be QRV as LN8W as a Multi/Multi entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ARUBA, P4. John, W2GD is QRV as P44W from Santa Cruz until November 26. Activity is on the HF bands, with an emphasis on 30, 17, and 12 meters, using CW. This includes being a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via N2MM.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Bud, AA3B is QRV as V26K from Antigua until November 27. Activity is on the HF bands with an emphasis on CW. This includes being a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

VIET NAM, XV. Juris, YL2GM and Eugene, EA5EL are QRV as XV9X from Phu Quoc Island, IOTA AS-128, until December 2. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8 with two stations. QSL direct to YL2GN.

INDONESIA, YB. Special event stations 8G16T, 8G16A, 8G16N, 8G16G, 8G16S, 8G16E and 8G16L will be active from November 23 to December 1 to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the

city of South Tangerang. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via operators' instructions.

ALBANIA, ZA. Pekka, OH2TA will be QRV as ZA/OG1N from Durres as a Single Op/Single Band on 10 meter entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ST. HELENA, ZD7. Andy, 5Z4VJ is QRV as ZD7VJ until November 30. This includes a possible entry in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW. Also, Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as ZD7W on all bands during the contest.

CHATHAM ISLAND, ZL7. Holger, ZL3IO and Xenia, ZL4YL are QRV as ZL7IO and ZL7YL, respectively, until November 26. Activity is on the HF bands. This includes being active in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via operators' instructions.

Please see November QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2024 & 2025

<p>12/07/2024 - Winter Hamfest Location: Archbold, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: FCARC Website: https://k8bxq.org/hamfest Learn More</p>	<p>01/19/2025 - Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest Location: Shade, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Learn More</p>
<p>04/05/2025 - Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 69th Hamfest Location: Cuyahoga Falls , OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc Website: https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org Learn More</p>	<p>07/20/2025 - Van Wert Hamfest Location: Van Wert, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Website: http://w8fy.org Learn More</p>

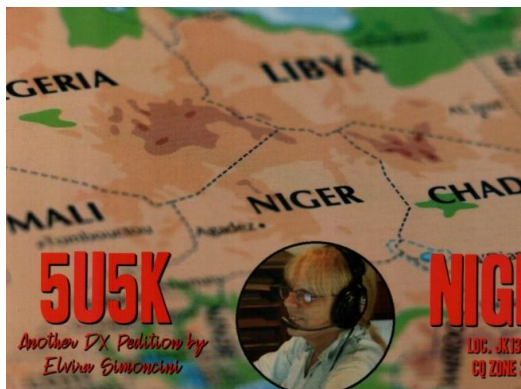
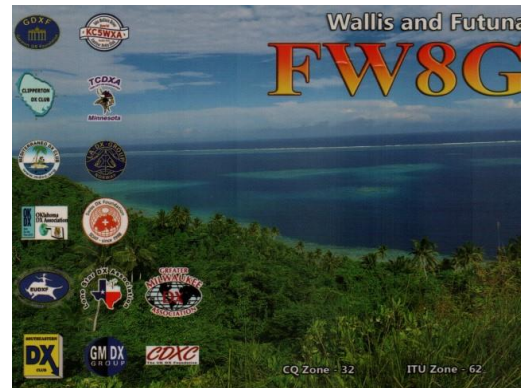
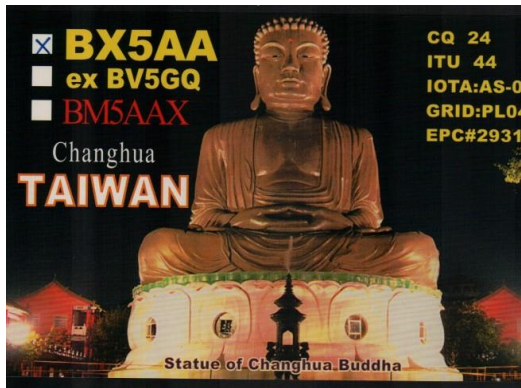
If you have information for your 2025 hamfest get it into the ARRL! As soon as I see them approved and added to the ARRL site, I'll start getting them listed here.

DX This Week – #309

Bill - AJ8B (thedxmentor@gmail.com / www.aj8b.com)

I received some cards from the QSL buro. They included BX5AA, Jimmy in Taiwan, FW8GC, the DXpedition to Wallis and Futuna, 5U5K, the DXpedition by Elvira to Niger, and a beautiful card from CX1T, Juan in Uruguay. What did you receive?





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Here is what is happening in the World of DX:

This section of DX News comes from Bernie, W3UR, editor of the DailyDX, the WeeklyDX, and the How's DX column in QST. If you would like a free 2-week trial of the DailyDX, the only source of real-time DX information, just drop me a note at thedxmentor@gmail.com

As reported last week, JG8NQJ, Take, is back on **Minami Torishima** and will be there until mid-March 2025, operating as **JQ8NQJ/JD1**. He will be mostly on 17 and 15M CW with some FT8 in his spare time, as he is working on the island. Take can also be found operating on 160, 12, and 6M. He is aware of the

need of those from North America. Unfortunately, the best times for working NA are during his busy work schedule. JD1/M is #32 on Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List. QSL via the bureau, direct to JA8CJY, LoTW, or eQSL.

A DXpedition to **Vietnam** as **XV9X**, with operators YL2GM and EA5GL, is planned for November 19-December 2. They plan on being on 160-10M, always split up one KHz or more. On 160M, it will be down 2 for Japan, that is, 1810-1820 KHz. On SSB, it will be up 5 KHz or more. They ask that callers follow their on-the-air instructions as to which part of the world they are listening for. On FT8, if you see RR73, you are in the log; do not keep calling, and do not transmit RR73, 73, or anything else. Their station includes an Elecraft K3, SunSDR2 PRO, Yaesu FT-891, and a pair of SPE Expert 1.3K-FA amps to a multiband vertical and beverages, plus a spider beam for 20-10M, vertical on 40M, end-fed wire on 80-160M, and a five-element Yagi for 6M.

We have our first update from the **3D2Y** DXpedition on **Rotuma**. It is now 6 days since we arrived in Rotuma. We have ongoing challenges concerning electricity here in Rotuma. We have a few power solutions, which we are implementing, however none of them are flawless and we ask for patience if we are off air or operating a reduced capacity. We are aware of band openings and when we need to be QRV for the different areas, we are bringing in additional resources at these times and so far, we have seen an increase in our performance to these areas.

Since our arrival we have made great progress in getting most of the antennas up and have even made some QSOs on 6m, however, we are still waiting for a tree climber to put a pulley in the tree for 80/160m antenna. We anticipate this happening before CQWW CW. The team is finding it challenging to complete antenna work during the day due to the extreme and oppressive temperatures. Over the last couple of days, we documented in excess of 30°C and 88% Humidity causing the temperature to feel much higher.

Band conditions have been tough. From 20:00 UTC time the bands flat line for a few hours until we can work Asia in our late mornings. Signal from Europe are best from 08:00 UTC onwards and North America a few hours after that. We have had some incredible rate from Europe with super loud signals. These have been very enjoyable and high-rate pile ups, and we hope they can continue over the coming weeks. We are on Rotuma for 2 more weeks so there is plenty of time to work us.

The CW ops on our team will operate in CQWW CW this weekend. We will run Multi Single, High power. We will maintain a presence on WARC bands and 6m throughout the contest.

You can see our progress, photos and real time updates by following our social media. Follow Rotuma 2024 on Facebook.

I have always tried to point out those challenges that these DXers face that we don't really appreciate. Here is another example from the 3B8 group.

This was sent in by G0CKV and the **3B8M** team on **Mauritius**. "We have had pleasant and stable November weather so far with nice tradewinds. But, of course, this week, the week leading up to CQWW CW, mother nature decided to play a game with us.

A depression developed into a tropical storm, was named Bheki, continued to build into a violent cyclone and has been aiming for us ever since.

Tonight, Tuesday evening, there is a cyclone warning class I in force for 3B8. As a precaution, we have taken down our antennas, secured the house with shutters, and secured outdoor furniture. We have also ensured that we have food supplies and emergency water to hunker down for a couple of days.

Our QTH is very exposed to the wrath of the Indian Ocean. We are right in the water on an exposed low tiny islet. With a strong violent cyclone, we would need to evacuate. With a less violent cyclone we will lock down here but our road to land would be dangerous.

We do hope that come Friday the danger will be over and we can get our antennas back up. We have a great competent crew here so we should then be on the air on HF bands including 40 as the contest starts. The low bands may have to wait until Saturday.

More time has been spent in the last couple of days trying to interpret different weather forecasts than worrying about the ionosphere.

We have some information on our friend, **V63JB** (KH6DLK), John, who is still QRV from V6, **Micronesia**. He passes along his aloha. He says V63YWR, William, is also on the air some from Federai, Ulithi, though the power is unreliable there. John says the good news is that when he returned to Yap from Hilo, Hawaii, he took along a brand new BuddiHex with him and now it is 18 feet

above a metal roof, which is 12 feet off the ground. He says "It's especially hot on 6M where I've worked into Eastern Europe, about 6,700 miles, on FT8." Back in Hilo in about a month he will get a rotator and work up a housing for it to put on the mast.

Teaching six sections of computer classes at Yap High School, John is left with very little time for anything else. About half the entire student population goes through his classroom every day. John adds "I'd like to get some Olivia 8-250 activity going on 20M, but everyone seems to want to be on FT8. FT8 here even at 5W is like shooting fish in a barrel." Once the BuddiHex is rotatable, he says, "I should be able to do more." The 40M EFHW at 30 feet and 10M Moxon aimed at North America are pretty effective too, he says. But he says when he gets on FT8 "both the right and left windows go totally red."

The **HD8CW** team arrival is on San Cristobal today, expecting to be on the air as soon as tomorrow from the **Galapagos Islands**. The operation runs to November 28.

Ops are K2IN from the Frankford Radio Club/Ecuador DX Club and HC2AP from the Guayaquil Radio Club. HC5CW/8 will be the call in the CQWW CW November 23-24. The station includes two hexbeams, 20-10, a loop for 80, 40 and 6; radios an IC-7300, K3, and FLEX radios for remote, on CW, SSB and FT8. Other antennas and tripods are from Buddipole and Mastwerks Systems. QSL via M00XO OQRS.

If you are someone who likes podcasts and/or YouTube episodes, The DX Mentor has a new podcast featuring Carl, K9LA. Carl discusses all things pertaining to propagation. Check it out.

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CONTEST CORNER

Below is a list of upcoming contests in the “Contest Corner”. I think this is important for someone who is trying to move up the DXCC ladder since entities that are on the rarer side and easiest to work in contests. Some of my best “catches” have been on the Sunday afternoon of a contest when the rarer entities are begging for QSOs. Of course, the gamble is that if you wait until Sunday, conditions may change, or they simply won’t be workable. However, it is not a bad gamble. Of course, why not work the contest and have some fun!

By now, the CQWW CW contest is most likely complete. On the heels of this great contest is the ARRL 160M CW contest, the weekend of December 6th to the 8th. The objective is for Amateurs worldwide to exchange information with W/VE amateurs on 160-meter CW.

DX-to-DX QSOs do not count for contest credit. Stations located in overseas and non-contiguous U.S. Territories may be worked by DX stations. This includes Alaska KL7, the Caribbean US possessions KP1-KP5, and all of the Pacific Ocean territories KH0-KH9, including Hawaii KH6. These stations can work BOTH domestic stations (US and VE) as well as DX stations around the world.

The context begins 2200 UTC Friday, ends 1559 UTC Sunday. This is a forty-two hour period with no time limitation. The exchange is signal report and ARRL section.

I have participated in this contest for several years and really look forward to it. The first year for me was 2017. That year I learned why 160 meters is called the “gentleman’s band”. Although rates are important, many hams worked patiently to make sure that exchanges were solid, and information was complete. I had several hams stop by the next day to say Hello and let me know that my signal was better than the day before. A great group of hams!

Contest	Start Date	End Date
CQ WW DX Contest, CW	11/23/2024	11/24/2024
ARRL 160M contest	12/6/2024	12/8/2024
ARRL 10M Contest	12/14/2024	12/15/2024
EUCW 160M Contest	1/4/2025	1/5/2025
YB DX Contest - SSB	1/11/2025	
North American QSO Party, CW	1/11/2025	1/12/2025
YB DX Contest	1/11/2025	1/11/2025
North American QSO Party, SSB	1/18/2025	1/19/2025
ARRL VHF Contest`	1/18/2025	1/20/2025
CQ 160M CW	1/24/2025	1/26/2025

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Happy Thanksgiving!

John Levo, W8KIW

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Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT) As of February 17, 2015, the FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager. I’ve created a set of instructions on how you can request an “official” printed copy of your license*



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Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here’s a link that will take you there... <https://arrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/>

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Do you have equipment that you just don’t need or want anymore? Here’s a great venue to

advertise it, and it's FREE!! Is your club doing a fund raiser to help raise money? After a lot of thought, it was decided that the Swap & Shop webpage could also contain these types of items as well. The same rules will apply as do for the For Sales and Give-A-Ways and will only be posted for a month at a time. Please see the Terms & Conditions on the webpage.

If your club is doing a fund raiser and wants more exposure, please forward the information to me and I'll advertise it on the Swap & Shop webpage for you.

Now, I still want to remind you that it won't be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. You might want to list your location so that prospective buyers know where you're at. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted. Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: swap@arrloho.org

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We now have many thousands of readers receiving these newsletters weekly. Quite impressive, I'd say! I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, get signed up to receive these weekly Newsletters.



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PostScript is produced as a weekly newsletter. I want to thank everyone that has contributed articles and ideas to make this an even better news source. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and news and events happening around the world!

Occasionally you may find an error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you're reading the newsletter carefully!